

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUGUST 15, 2011

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, August 15, 2011 with Commissioners, Tom Barnes, Marvin Cole, Ken Masters, Deborah Adams, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Tom Barnes called the meeting to order, Ken Masters made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2011 meeting as presented. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RIDE RUSH

Wanda Henderson, Ride Rush Director, was present to receive approval of the previously provided quarterly report. Marvin Cole made the motion to approve the quarterly report. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AREA PLAN

Bill Todd, Area Plan Director, discussed FEMA sign off of the city levy. Tom Barnes read a letter received from FEMA. County Attorney Leigh Morning recommended signing the FEMA 65.10 letter of acknowledgement. Ken Masters made the motion to sign the FEMA letter. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Todd discussed the receiving of new preliminary flood maps. The digital maps will have been updated from 1982. Todd reported that he has discussed the cost with the council and will continue to discuss during his budget review and adoption in September. The digital maps should be received in September.

NACo Rx CARD

Mary Ann Beard, Treasurer, provided the commissioners with a NACo Prescription Drug Discount Card Program spreadsheet. The county has distributed the card since October of 2006. There have been 22,000 Rush County citizens that have utilized the prescription drug discount cards with a total savings of \$461,000.00. Beard stated that AIC (Association of Indiana Counties) or NACo (National Association of Counties) receive no monies from this program.

PATIENT ASSISTANCE Rx CARD

Deborah Adams questioned office holders/departments who were also attending the commissioner meeting and also members of the Health Insurance Committee regarding the status of their decision of the July 5th presentation by Lola Materna of Patient Assistance Discount Prescription cards. Adams reported that she has received several phone calls from Materna. The committees were to meet following the July 5th meeting and make a recommendation.

Jerry Sitton, Committee Chairman, stated that he was waiting on Anthem life insurance information from APEX and was not inclined to call a committee meeting prior to that. Adams responded that she would then forward future phone calls to Sitton.

CIRCUIT COURT

Judge David Northam, Circuit Court Judge, appeared before commissioners to seek permission for an employee to attend a mandated conference. Deborah Adams informed Judge Northam that the new personnel policy no longer requires office holders to receive permission for conferences exceeding \$250.00. The office holders are expected to live within their proposed budgets as approved by the council. The commissioners concurred with the information.

Judge Northam thanked the commissioners for the reminder.

HIGHWAY

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent, reported that Bridge 116 on 500 North opened July 3, 2011 and received its final inspection July 21, 2011. Ken Masters made the motion to approve and sign release form IC-639. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sitton submitted the July highway monthly report for the commissioners to review.

The Commissioners approved and signed Ordinance 2011- 5 an ordinance repealing Ordinance 2011-3. Marvin Cole made the motion. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Ordinance is effective August 19, 2011.

ORDINANCE 2011-5

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 2011-3

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2011, the Board of Commissioners of Rush County, Indiana, adopted An Ordinance Prohibiting Commercial Motor Vehicles and Establishing A Temporary Maximum Speed Limit on Airport Road between State Road 44 East and United States Highway 52 East, while United States Highway 52 was under construction; and

WHEREAS, United States Highway 52 has been reopened to vehicular traffic in this area; and

WHEREAS, the need for the prohibition of commercial motor vehicles and the temporary speed limit on the above-described route no longer exists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Rush County, Indiana, that Ordinance 2011-3 is hereby repealed.

This Ordinance is effective August 19, 2011 and the removal of the signs along the above-described route.

Adopted this 15th day of August, 2011.

RUSH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Thomas H. Barnes
Thomas H. Barnes

/s/ Marvin L. Cole
Marvin L. Cole

/s/ Ken Masters
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/ Deborah C. Adams
Deborah C. Adams, Auditor

Sitton reported that the last bridge inspection report requires for the cover pages to be signed. Sitton stated that nine (9) are required. Sitton reported that USI has just completed the bridge inspection. Ken Masters made the motion to sign the cover pages for the bridge inspection reports. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sitton updated the commissioners on Phase III of the Carthage Pike Project. Sitton discussed the necessary supplemental agreements to the Construction Engineering Agreement with Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc. Ken Masters made the motion to approve and sign the Supplemental Agreement No. 1. Marvin Cole seconded the agreement. Motion carried.

Sitton submitted the Supplemental Agreement No. 2 that will increase the design by \$16,000.00. Ken Masters made the motion to approve and sign the Supplemental Agreement No. 2. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported thirty-nine (39) inmates incarcerated in the Rush County jail. Sherwood informed the commissioners that he currently does not have an inmate available to paint the courthouse cannon.

Sherwood reported that the air conditioner located in the in-mate cell block area of the jail has been repaired.

Sherwood stated that the jail inspection reported the deficiencies to be the same as in the past. Conversation was held concerning the air handlers.

Chief Deputy Duane Raab approached the commissioners regarding approval to apply for the OPO (Operation Pull Over) Grant. Raab reported that the grant application was due that day. Marvin Cole made the motion to approve the submission of the application. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried. Raab did apologize for not having any statics to provide the commissioners from the previous grant cycle.

Carolyn Ehlen of Arlington thanked Sherwood for the removal of the vehicle along U.S. Hwy 52.

Sherwood reported that Dr. John Williams, Superintendent of Schools has contacted his department to address the concerns of Arlington students walking across US 52. Sherwood reported that two separate bus stops will be provided to the students. Deborah Adams stated that a letter concerning the matter, addressed to the commissioners, and had also been received from Superintendent Williams.

EMA

Tom Barnes, Chairman of the EMA Advisory Board, reported that the interview committee has met. Barnes referred to Jeff Sherwood to report on the interview process. Sherwood reported that the EMA advisory board committee did meet. The interview committee consists of Kevin Spilman, Councilman; Deb Hummel, Rush Memorial Hospital; Nick White, Fire Chiefs Association and Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff.

Sherwood submitted a letter dated August 9, 2011 to the commissioners from the committee recommending Charles Kemker for the appointment for the EMA Director position. Ken Masters made the motion to accept the recommendation. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Advisory Board and commissioners will meet with Kemker, Friday, August 19, 2011 at 3:00 to review his duties, expectations and to complete all necessary paperwork. Deborah will notify the media.

EMS

- Reviewed July EMS run report received from Carthage Volunteer Fire Dept.

AUDITOR

Deborah Adams, Auditor, received approval of payroll claims for the period ending August 19, 2011 on a motion by Ken Masters. seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion Carried. John Saxon of Homer asked if the payroll claims could also be consistently posted on the

county website as the bi-weekly claims are also posted. Adams stated that the office would begin this posting with the next set of payroll claims.

Bi-weekly claims submitted as of August 9, 2011 were approved on a motion by Marvin Cole, seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.

The Treasurers report for the month ending July 31, 2011 was submitted for review.

Adams reported that the budget will be advertised on August 18 and 25 and the budget public hearing is scheduled for August 31 at 8:30 am.

Adams shared a letter received from Verlin Custer, Fire Chief of Raleigh Fire Department, concerning the recall on the automatic defib units. Cardiac Science had contacted Custer for assistance for the up grade. Adams shared her concerns, thinking that Mike Ooley had addressed this earlier in the year. Tom Barnes stated that he would take care of it.

MISC.

- The Health Board has invited the commissioners to attend a Brownfield Coalition meeting, Thursday, August 25, 2011. Tom Barnes will represent the commissioners.
- Record retention meeting for classified documents scheduled August, 18, 2011 at the Records office. Ken Masters will represent the commissioners.
- Rushville, Rush Co Fire Training Center open house, Thursday, August 18, 2011

Motion to adjourn was received from Ken Masters. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

<u>/s/Tom Barnes</u>	<u>/s/Marvin Cole</u>	<u>/s/Ken Masters</u>
Tom Barnes, Chairman	Marvin Cole	Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/Deborah C. Adams
Deborah C. Adams, Auditor